

Title	Listeria monocytogenes
Specimen Requirements	Preferred Specimen Pure viable culture on agar slant. One isolate per patient.
Sampling Materials	Sample Container Agar slant in tube with screw-cap tightened.
Procedural Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be sure to properly label the culture tube with the patient's name, date of collection/date sent. 2. Check the expiration date on the tube to ensure product is acceptable and will continue to be acceptable once received at the ISDH laboratory. 3. Category B UN3373, Triple contained in accordance with federal shipping regulations for infectious agents 4. Complete a Reference Bacteriology Culture Identification request form for each specimen with the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name, sex of patient, age, address, physician, and diagnosis b. Specimen type and date of specimen collection c. Date of symptom onset d. Suspected disease agent e. Relevant comments which may include patient history or travel history f. Submitting clinic information-clinic name, address, phone number, fax number, contact name and email address (if available). g. Submitter Eligibility: Contact ISDH Epidemiology SID 317-234-2808
Shipping Instructions	<p>Triple contained in accordance with federal shipping regulations for infectious agents.</p> <p>See procedural note #3.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tighten the culture tube cap. Best to wrap tape around cap to help seal from any leakage. 2. Label clearly on the outside of the container/tube with the patient name, collection date/date sent. 3. Wrap this primary container with absorbent material. Place the primary container with absorbent material in the inner mailing container and tighten the cap securely. 4. The completed request form may then be wrapped around the sealed inner container and together enclosed securely in an outer shipping container clearly labeled with senders name/address and recipients name/address. 5. Do not send culture isolates on petri plates if submitting by mail. <p>ISDH Reference Bacteriology request form for mail submissions. Transport Temperature: 2-25°C</p>
Reporting and TAT	<p>Reporting Method: Mail</p> <p>TAT: 3-16 business days.</p> <p>Test Referral. Cultures identified as Listeria monocytogenes will be sent to the CDC for confirmation and typing.</p>